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 SUBJECT: YUGOSLAVS ALTER SUCCESSION PLANS

YUGOSLAVIA'S TOP PARTY AND STATE POSTS ARE TO BE UNITED UNDER ONE MAN. THE US EMBASSY IN BELGRADE REPORTS THAT THIS HITHERTO UNPUBLICIZED PROVISION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION--WHICH IS TO BE APPROVED NEXT MONTH--WAS SURFACED IN LAST SUNDAY'S ISSUE OF BORBA. THE CHANGE WILL WEAKEN THE "COLLECTIVE" ASPECT OF THE POST-TITO LEADERSHIP, BUT IT WILL MAINTAIN THE TRAPPINGS OF "PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION" IN THE STATE APPARATUS.

THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE STATE PRESIDENCY--A BODY IN WHICH 22 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ALTERNATE EACH YEAR AS TITO'S VICE PRESIDENT--IS TOO CUMBERSOME FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION. THE NEW

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CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR A SMALLER, NINE-MAN BODY.

ALTHOUGH TITO HAS NOT NAMED A SUCCESSOR, THE BORBA ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD LOOSE A FLOOD OF SPECULATION THAT MIGHT LEAD HIM TO CLARIFY HIS INTENTIONS. WE BELIEVE THE STRONGEST CANDIDATE TO FILL TITO'S PARTY POST--AND THUS ALSO THE TOP JOB IN THE STATE PRESIDENCY--IS STANE DOLANC, SECRETARY OF THE PARTY EXECUTIVE BUREAU. EDVARD KARDELJ, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF TITO WHO HAS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS BEEN ABSORBED IN DRAFTING THE NEW CONSTITUTION, IS ALSO IN THE RUNNING.

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